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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed April 11, 2002, Applicants previously elected Group IV claims (40-49), and as a species, small organic molecules, with traverse as to the species restriction. Applicants maintain that traversal.


In the Communication mailed September 9, 2002, the Examiner reiterated that Applicants were to make an election of a specific small molecule disclosed in the specification or claims. In response, Applicants elect CNQX. The structure of this molecule is appended hereto as requested. Applicants believe that claims 40, 42-45, and 47-49 are readable on the elected compound, CNQX.

Applicants traverse the requirement for the election of a specific small organic molecule, because the elected method claims recite methods for screening candidate pharmacological agents based on the recognition that A β aggregates induce changes in the depolarization state of cells that can be measured using cells loaded with potentiometric compounds. By their very nature as candidate agents, the class of small molecules elected for prosecution should not be

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limited to any particular molecule. Moreover, many small molecules that might be identified with the claimed methods were not recited in the application. Accordingly, Applicants object to the requirement that a specific molecule be selected, and respectfully request reconsideration of the requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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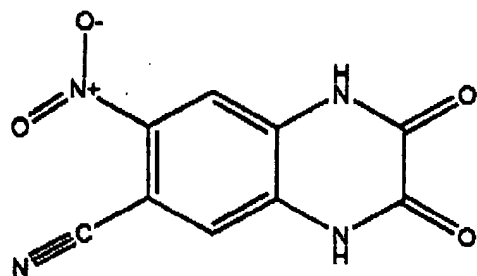
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